

STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2015

Commissioners

Secretary Lewis Schiliro- SERC Chair
Colin Faulkner - Kent County LEPC
Munroe Hudson - DSP
David Irwin - New Castle County LEPC
Dr. Har Ming Lau - Div. Public Health
Robert Newnam- DE State Fire School

Avery Dalton- SERC Executive Director
Glenn Gillespie - DEMA
Grover Ingle - OSFM
Al Johnson - SERC Air Transportation
James Lee - SERC Consignees

SERC Commissioners unavailable: Robert Byrd (SERC-Rail Transportation); Michael Chionchio (Fire Marshal); Marjorie Crofts (DNREC); Dwayne Day (DelDOT); Joe Dipinto (Wilmington); Gene Donaldson (DelDOT); Bruce Ennis (Leg. Hall); George Giles (Wilmington); Michael Layton (SERC Transportation); Nathaniel McQueen (DSP); David Mick (Kent Co LEPC); Richard Perkins (DHSS); Lynn Poling (Northstar Marina); Karyl Rattay (DHSS); David Roberts (SERC-State Fire Prev.); Charles Stevenson (SERC-Sussex LEPC); Joseph Thomas (Sussex LEPC); John Verdi (SERC-Chemical Users); Brian Wong (SERC Shippers)

Members/Visitors

Valerie Pryor - DEMA

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m. by SERC Chairman Schiliro.

SERC Executive Director, Avery Dalton read an appointment letter from SERC Chairman Schiliro that approved DEMA Deputy Director Glenn Gillespie to vote on the SERC on behalf of DEMA Director James E. Turner.

The purpose of this SERC meeting was to approve the Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant application that is due to the federal government by April 3, 2015. The SERC Executive Director provided an overview of the HMEP Grant allocations submitted by the LEPC's.

SERC Chairman Schiliro asked Mr. Newnam if the State was doing enough to train and prepare for railcar derailment spills similar to the two spills that occurred recently. Mr. Newnam responded that yes the State training is properly preparing the emergency responders to address this type of spill incident. Mr. Irwin stated that the Hazmat conference in April includes training for railcar tank spills.

A quorum of 11 SERC Commissioners was noted. A motion to approve the HMEP Grant application was made by Mr. Newnam and seconded by Mr. Irwin. All commissioners voted to approve the HMEP Grant application.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Newnam and seconded by Mr. Irwin. The meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

The SERC Executive Director's HMEP Grant Application briefing sheet is attached.

State Emergency Response Commission
An Overview of the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness
(HMEP) - Grant FY 16
March 26, 2015

Purpose:

There are two components to the HMEP grant, planning and training. The HMEP planning grant works to develop, improve, and carry out emergency plans under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA). The HMEP training grant is used to train emergency responders to respond to accidents and incidents involving hazardous material.

Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness - maximum FY16 HMEP grant application amounts for Delaware are:

Planning: \$54,965.00 **Training: \$57,798.00** **Total Amount: \$112,763.00**

The HMEP grant requires a 20 percent state match which the Delaware Emergency Management Agency will match. The performance period of the grant is one-year from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

The LEPC's were solicited to submit their proposed allocations. Typically, requested allocations are over the amount budgeted by the Federal government and need to be revised to conform to the budget submittal.

Summary of Allocations Requested by the Grantee and Subgrantees:

The Local Emergency Planning Committee's (LEPC's) were contacted to submit their requested planning and training amounts for 2015 to 2016. Most of the requests are similar to previous year's requests. Here is a summary of the requests:

Allocation: Training \$30,000.00

Delaware State Fire School will be funded to train 790 emergency responders for Hazmat Awareness Training, Hazmat Operations Training, Hazmat Technician Training and Hazmat Refresher Training Courses.

Allocation: Planning \$1,500.00 & Training \$10,000.00

Sussex County will be funded to attend the EPA Workshop and to conduct a full-scale exercise.

Allocation: Planning \$7,140.00

Kent County will be funded to attend the Hotzone Conference and International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Hazmat Conference.

Allocation: Planning \$3,700.00 & Training \$16,449.00

New Castle County will be funded for through HEMP Training funds for hazmat transportation response. This includes two training programs for (a.) hazmat tank trailer incidents, and (b.) MC331 tank truck emergency response. These training sessions will both train responders to respond to tank trailer incidents and the MC331 training will include an exercise to evaluate local and state-level responders.

Under HMEP Planning funds, selected LEPC staff will attend the Regional Hazmat Workshop in the interest of identifying areas for further enhancements and improvements to local plans for incidents involving the transportation of hazardous materials.

Allocation: Planning \$10,000.00

Funding will also be used to conduct an exercise to test the interoperability of emergency response agencies in New Castle County to respond to an incident involving a hazmat derailment.

Allocation: Planning \$4,300.00

City of Wilmington will be funded to send city emergency management staff to attend the Emergency Preparedness & Hazmat Response Conference in Valley Forge, PA.

Allocation: Planning \$13,000.00 & Training \$1,800.00

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) will be funded through HMEP Planning to send 4 personnel to the Hotzone Conference, 1 person to the NASTTPO Conference, and 1 person to the EPA Region 3 Emergency Preparedness Conference. DNREC will send 2 staff members to the Hazmat Emergency Response Team (ERT) technician training under HMEP Training funds.

Allocation: Planning \$250.00

SERC Annual Report will be published for the Delaware State Emergency Response Commission (SERC). This comprehensive annual report will be distributed to the SERC Commission members and key government officials.

Allocation: Training \$4,000.00

The State of Delaware Annual Hazmat Workshop will be funded to support this regional training event that is conducted annually. It provides comprehensive and hands on training sessions covering hazmat management and incident response to approximately 325 emergency responders.

Allocation: Miscellaneous Expenses for Training & Planning: \$9,536.00

Other miscellaneous expenses make up the balance of the grant application. These expenses include; office supplies, M&A Grant Coordinator, and NASTTPO Conference attendance for the SERC Executive Director.